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Board Taps Special Road Fund for Live Oak Avenue Repaving

SAN BERNARDINO – Sept. 13, 2011 – On Tuesday, the Board of Supervisors tapped an \$8 million road improvement fund established in the 2011-12 budget to repave a portion of Live Oak Avenue in unincorporated Fontana.

"This is the first of many road improvement projects the County will be delivering to our communities this fiscal year because of the Board's decision to set aside funding for necessary road maintenance," San Bernardino County Second District Supervisor Janice Rutherford said. "Road improvements and maintenance are essential functions of County government that directly impact our residents' quality of life."

The Board approved a \$686,686 contract with Laird Construction of Rancho Cucamonga to repave Live Oak between Valley Boulevard and Randall Avenue. Construction is scheduled to begin at the end of September, and work is expected to be completed by the end of October.

The project will be funded through the \$8 million Pavement Improvement Program the Board inserted into the 2011-12 budget to fund critical road maintenance and repair projects.

On Tuesday, the Board also approved plans and specifications to repave Valley Boulevard between Catawba and Banana avenues in Fontana. The project is a joint venture between the City of Fontana and the County of San Bernardino because the road traverses both County and City jurisdictions. The project is expected to cost \$2.5 million: \$1.9 City of Fontana and \$558,000 County of San Bernardino.

The County originally planned to fund the Valley Boulevard project with dollars from the San Sevaine Redevelopment Area; however, the State's decision to force local governments to pay for the right to have redevelopment areas and the ensuing lawsuits prompted a change. Now the project will be funded through the Pavement Improvement Program.

Construction on Valley Boulevard is expected to begin in December.

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